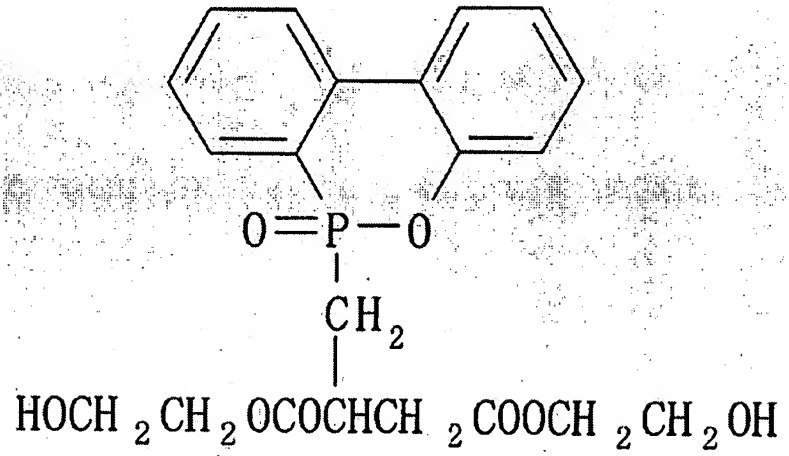
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant epoxy resin composition comprising an epoxy resin (A), curing agent (B) containing a novolac resin, and a phosphorus atom-containing flame retardant polyester resin (C)~~, wherein said phosphorus atom-containing flame retardant polyester resin (C) is~~ obtained by a condensation reaction or a polycondensation reaction of a reactive phosphorus-containing compound (s) represented by the following structural formula (I):



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wherein an amount of said phosphorus atom-containing flame retardant polyester resin (C) is determined such that a phosphorus content in the flame retardant epoxy resin composition is in a range of 0.02 % to 9 % by weight ratio, and a hydroxyl equivalent of said novolac resin is in a range of 0.8 to 1.2 with respect to said epoxy resin (A).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The flame retardant epoxy resin composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein an epoxy equivalent of said epoxy resin (A) is in a range of 100 to 10000 g/eq.

4. (Original) The flame retardant epoxy resin composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein said epoxy resin (A) consists of an epoxy resin having no halogen atom in its molecular structure.

5. (Original) A prepreg obtained by impregnating the flame retardant epoxy resin composition as set forth in claim 1 into a substrate.

6. (Original) A laminate obtained by molding the prepreg as set forth in claim 5.

7. (Original) The laminate as set forth in claim 6 further comprising a metal foil formed on at least one surface of the laminate by laminate molding.

8. (Original) A printed wiring board obtained by forming a conductive wiring on at least one surface of the laminate as set forth in claim 6.